Dear Mr Mac - Will you please tell
the Standard that I have been Enquiry to
Mary Shackleton, Ballitore, Ireland. She
is an old woman, poor & paralytic &
is not likely to live long. She wishes it
stopped. — I hope therefore I ask for Curtin
or anything else you may honestly charge
me for them & postage - so that I may
feel quite free to ask again.

As to those differences between Sarsen,
Phillips, the Watsons, yourself & others on the
one hand — & Phillips, Pillsbury, Foster &
others on the other respecty Lucretia,
should I have always thought with you
that the election of Lucretia was for the
wiser course. I think I can clearly un-
derstand and allow for the view taken
by those who judge men by the severe
test of a uniform consistent anti slavery
or rather abolition policy. I mean
that while I thank those whose motives
I think I can allow for the causes of
an influencing such men as they are.

You ask me to keep you a secret.
Glad I will if I could. Some three
letters ago I found that they
were known a likely to be worked away
by two lines of railway passing near
it. I must find another when required
for through the petty jealousy & influence
of railroads. Netted & my daughter is
thirty & I am an aspiring body. I am
the fellows envy the Robbery gangs held
by a thousand petty threads that allow
me but little freedom. I can hardly
get 2 miles from home at a time in
5 years. I would be glad I could
see America before I die — but in less
than a month I will reach my
60th birthday & so that my hopes
are not at all sanguine — but
You please send me the enclosed
letters

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